

TODAY

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 10, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder
Organ: Carol Kleinjan
Keyboard: Karen Knutson
Praise Team

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Ancient Words* • *Alleluia*
* *Lord, I Need You*

- * OPENING PRAYER
- * GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A MOMENT IN MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: Piano Solo by Carol Kleinjan
Jesus Loves Me

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)
(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

- * DOXOLOGY - (page 623)
- * OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:27-31 p. 1510

MESSAGE: ***Blind to Faith***

- * HYMN: 462 – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
- * BENEDICTION
- * CLOSING HYMN: 392– *Only Believe* (verse 1)

*Please stand if you are able.

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship. May you experience the joy of the Lord as we worship and fellowship together on this Lord's Day.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Darin and Megan Sinner Family

Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Ryan Vandermeer

Coffee Servers: Wayne and Deb Ulvestad

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume again in September.

11 a.m. - PREPARATION FOR PRAYER WALK meeting in the sanctuary. Come and hear more about it. There is no obligation to get directly involved.

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE: The following are encouraged to worship with the residents at Dakota Sun at 11 a.m. Edward & Gina, Chr., Jason & Laura, Harold & Betty, Nic/Kim Cruz Cayetano, George/Bev, Sue Feltis, Shirley IntVeld, Marilyn Kleinjan, Dar Ludwig, Marion Mulder, Marv/Joyce, Allen Van Hoepen, John & Linda, Lawrence & Sally, Bill Ward Even if your name is not on the list, you are welcome to worship and fellowship with the residents.

NEXT SUNDAY (August 17)

- The men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.
- Pastor Irwin Van Leeuwen will be serving as our guest pastor while Pastor Gary and Robyn are on vacation.
- Paisley Raml will be providing praise ministry.
- Prayer time at 7 p.m.
- The 7 p.m. Men's Discipleship group will **NOT** be meeting on August 17. It has been rescheduled to August 24.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies' Bible Study Lesson 5 -
What Are the Results for Us of Justification by Faith?
Leader – Carol Refreshments – Ruth and Kayleen

(SATURDAY) The church kitchen and fellowship hall will be used for a family reunion.

FUTURE DATES:

August 18.....	Consistory
August 19.....	Worship Team
August 20.....	Senior High Youth Kick Off
August 23.....	Prayer Walk
August 24.....	Outdoor Service
August 25.....	Fresh Hope Education Team at 8 pm
August 26.....	Buildings and Grounds Team
August 27.....	Junior High Youth Kick Off

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bob Olson, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.**

Emily Schaefer will be going back to Mayo this week for surgery and to decide on new treatment options. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and Emily for future treatment plans.

Amy Vandermeer was at Mayo this week. The tumor is slowly shrinking and the outside of the tumor is turning into bone. Praise God for the encouraging report!

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

THANK YOU for the gift to our ministry from your pie fundraiser. We are so blessed by your faithful support. Thank you for your support.
– The Option One Team

PASTOR GARY AND ROBYN will be on vacation this week. If you have any spiritual needs, please contact one of the elders: Scott Vander Wal, Bryon Mullett, Charles Sapp and Daniel Ostrem

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SERVICE PROJECT FOR JULY/AUGUST is gathering items on a wish list for the Volga Christian School. Check out the information on 'the ladder'. You may choose any slip(s) from the board and return the item(s) by **NEXT Sunday, August 17.** Thank you in advance for your participation.

PRAYER WALK: On August 23, our church will once again hold our annual prayer walk. The MESA Team has maps prepared for groups to walk around Volga to meet our friends and neighbors. We will knock on doors and pray for the needs of each household. There's a place for everyone to participate. We need volunteers to lead groups and also those who walk along side as support people. A prayer support team will be stationed at the church. Be thinking and praying about this opportunity. Sign up on the easel in the fellowship hall if you can help us reach out to our community.

→→ If you would be willing to furnish a 9 x 13 pan of egg bake for the team, please have the pan at the church by 8 a.m. **THANK YOU!**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at the Doc and Roma Peeke Park in Volga on Sunday, August 24 beginning at **10:30 a.m.** A meal will be provided immediately following the service. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church sanctuary with the meal served in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend to join you.

OPTION ONE LIFEKEEPER FUNDRAISER DINNER: You are invited to attend the Option 1 dinner at the Dacotah Bank Center on Tuesday, September 9. You may want to consider hosting a table by inviting eight people to raise support and awareness for the mission of Option 1. Even if you are not ready for that challenge, you are still invited to attend. For more information, check the notice on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 17, 2025

Greeters: John and Linda Vande Weerd

Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Carter Sapp

Coffee: James and Missy Vande Weerd

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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